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52.	NH No. 65 (Haryana-240 Rajasthan-170 410	The highway starting from its junction with NH No. 1 near Ambala in Haryana and connecting Kaithal-Hissar and terminating at its junction with NH No. 11 near Fatehpur in Rajasthan.
53	NH No.66 (Pondicherry-10 Tamil Nadu - 234 244	The highway starting from its Junction with NH-45A in Pondicherry & connecting Tindivanam-Gingee-Thiruvan-namalai and terminating at its junction with NH No. 7 near Krishnagiri in Tamil Nadu.
54	NH No. 67 (Tamil Nadu-217)	The highway starting from Nagapattinam and connecting Trichy and terminating at its junction on NH No. 7 near Karur in Tamil Nadu
55	NH No. 68 (Tamil Nadu-134)	The highway starting from its junction on NH No. 45 near Ulundurpet and terminating at its junction with NH No. 7 near Salem in Tamil Nadu.
56	NH No. 69 (Maharashtra - 55 Madhya Pradesh-295 350)	The highway starting from its junction with NH No. 6 near Nagpur in Maharashtra and terminating at its junction with NH No. 12 near Obaidullaganj in Madhya Pradesh.
7-A	Extension of NH No. 6 (Maharashtra -127 Gujarat-160 287)	The highway starting from its junction with NH No. 6 near Dhule in Maharashtra and terminating at Surat in Gujarat.
	Total 4219	

[English]

National Culture Fund

*80. SHRI S.S. OWAISI
SHRI MOHAN RAWALE

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set up a National culture fund to preserve and promote Indian culture;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have asked industries to contribute to this fund;

(d) if so, the number of industries who contributed to this fund;

(e) whether Government have failed to provide fund of their share; and

(f) if so, the reasons therefor and efforts made by the Government to increase National Culture Fund?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) The Government of India have set up a National Culture Fund (NCF) in terms of a Notification published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary dated 28.11.96. Copies of the Notification are already available in the Parliament Library.

(c) The NCF may accept contributions from statutory bodies created under the Acts of Parliament or of State Legislatures, the United Nations and its associated bodies, other international organisations, private and public corporate sectors both in India and abroad, international charitable/philanthropic organisations, non-resident Indians, trusts, societies and individuals.

(d) The Oberoi Group of Hotels and the National Mineral Development Corp. Ltd. have contributed Rs. 5,00,000/- and Rs. 25,000/- respectively to the National Culture Fund.

(e) and (f) No Sir. The Government has released Rs. 4 crores to the NCF as per the budgetary provisions.

Anomalies in Pay Scales of Primary Teachers

643. SHRI JAYSINHJI CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there are some anomalies in the pay scales of primary school teachers as recommended by the Fifth Pay Commission;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these recommendations have created a wide gap between the pay scales of primary teachers and TGTs;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether the Government propose to remove these anomalies;

(f) if so, the details of the steps taken in this regard; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI) : (a) and (b) No. Sir.

(c) and (d) No. Sir.

(e) to (g) Do not arise. However, if the teachers perceive the revised pay structure as anomalous, they can take it up with the National Anomaly Committee set up by the Government for this purpose through National Council of Joint Consultative Machinery (NCJCM) (Staff Side), as per the prescribed procedure.

[Translation]

Installation of Telephones

644. SHRI BHASKARRAO PATIL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether even after the issue of O.B. Number telephones are neither installed nor shifted for several months;

(b) if so, the action the Government propose to take in the matter against the officials responsible for the delay; and

(c) the time by which the pending telephones are likely to be installed/shifted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) Sir, Telephones are installed/ shifted as per prescribed norms of DOT after the issue of OB Numbers, except in some cases due to the area being technically not feasible.

(b) Delay in execution of OB's is mainly due to technical reasons, so the question of taking action against the officials does not arise.

(c) All out efforts are being made to provide/shift the telephones where OBs have been issued, as soon as the cases become technically feasible by laying under Ground cables and upgrading external plant.

[English]

Opening of Rural Telephone Exchanges in Orissa

645. SHRI GIRIDHAR GAMANG : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to states :

(a) whether the Government have received any representation for opening of Telephone Exchanges in Rural Areas of Orissa circle along with the telephone exchanges in Urban areas;

(b) if so, the names of the places identified for opening up of Rural Telephone Exchanges in Koraput TDM areas and opened so far;

(c) whether any scheme, for expansion of telephone exchanges in the State are under consideration of the Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA) : (a) Yes Sir. 15 nos. of representations have been received for opening telephone exchanges in the rural areas of Orissa for the year 1998-99. No representations have been received for urban areas.

(b) In Koraput TDM area representations have been received for opening of rural telephone exchanges at Gumuda Maidalpur, Onkadeli and Podagada. None of these exchanges has been opened so far.

(c) Yes, Sir,

(d) The details are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Expansion Plans for Orissa Circle

	Existing as on 31.03.98		Proposed expansion/New exchanges			Proposed DEL
	Capacity	DEL	Gross Capacity	Replacement	Net Capacity	
Large Exchange	164980	138811	89500	22500 9000 L to be scrapped	58000	46500
Small & Medium Exchange	138626	127287	30000	5000	25000	13500
Total	303606	266098	119500	36500	83000	60000